



MELISANDRE'S MISSIVE



The flavor text indicates that the message contains a code, evidenced by Melisandre saying "the night is dark and full of errors" (instead of terrors, like she usually says). The underlined words tell you to spot the **missing** letters, the **added** letters, and the **changed** letters. They spell out...

A	E	C
F	V	O
T	E	M
E	R	M
R	Y	A

After every comma you get the answer:
HOUSE BANISTER

Lord Stannis Baratheon was poring over a chart in his castle, Dragonstone. One of his sworn houses had turned against him, but he didn't know who.

"I cannot strike without Lady Melisandre by my side," Lord Stannis responded, snatching the letter from Ser Davos. He scowled and **added**, "I need her prophecies to determine which house must be punished in the name of the Lord of Light."

My Lord Stannis,

Have faith: the Lord of Light has sent me a **bea**con through the darkness, **o**ffering his sage advice and **valu**able **prote**ction. He commanded that I immediately leave Dragonstone, **un**fortunately, **so** I will do my best to affect the situation from afar. I offer my **condov**lences to you. Be wary though, **e**yes and ears lurk in your **strong**hold. The night is dark and full of **t**errors, **but** I pray that this **rae**ven finds you unharmed. There is within this missive, **as** is clearly evident, **no** **men**tion of whose house we must discover. My Lord, **I** know your **intel**lect, **so** I am sure that you can **deter**mine which house has betrayed you, **though** I have not penned their **fa**mily name in my letter. In my **prop**hecies I foresee a house sigil: wooden beams, **e**nveloped in a field of **pay**le tawny brown. If nothing else, **re**member you **mea**y not have heard of this house before.

Lady Melisandre

Suddenly, his trusty advisor Ser Davos Seaworth rushed in. "Lord Stannis! The Red Woman, your high priestess, has gone **missing**! The only trace of her is this letter she sent by raven."

Ser Davos considered remaining silent, but **changed** his mind. "Perhaps she has left you some sort of message in her letter? After all, her catchphrase is 'The night is dark and full of *terrors*,' isn't it?"